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TAGS: MASS JO SA

SUBJECT: HAWK/VULCAN FOR JORDAN

REF: AMMAN 0225, STATE 011710

1. GIVEN FREQUENT COMMENTS TO US BY EMBASSY JIDDA AS TO INADEQUACY JORDANIAN EMBASSY IN JIDDA, BELIEVE DEPARTMENTS SUGGESTION PARA 2, STAE 011710, WOULD PROBABLY ONLY SERVE TO CONFUSE ISSUE.

2. EMBASSY AMMAN'S SUGGESTION (AMMAN 0225) WAS PREDICATED ON WELL-KNOWN DEPARTMENT FEELING CONVEYED PARA 1 SAME REFTEL. INASMUCH AS PROVIDING COPY OF LETTER WAS PARALLEL TO ACTION TAKEN DURING SIMILAR SITUATION WITH "FMS GUARANTEE" LAST YEAR, WE ASSUMED IT WOULD BE WITHIN PARAMATERS DISCUSSED.

3. KING TOLD ME MORNING JANUARY 21 THAT HE PLANS TO VISIT KING KHALID AND PRINCE FADH JANUARY 22 IN THE DESERT. I ASKED HIM WHETHER QUESTION OF HAWK FUNDING WOULD COME UP. HE REPLIED "OH, IS THERE A PROBLEM?", IT WAS OBVIOUS HE HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED BY HIS OWN
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MILITARY THAT SAUDI FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOT YET

FULLY NAILED DOWN AND THAT THERE ALSO IS SOME DELAY
IN JORDANIAN RECEIPT OF THE SAUDI DOWNPAYMENT. I
THEREFORE TOLD HIM WE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED BUT WE
HOPED TO GET THE SAUDI DOWNPAYMENT SHORTLY. I ADDED
THAT IF WE DID NOT GET DOWN PAYMENT THERE WOULD BE
SLIPPAGE IN THE DELIVERY DATES FOR THE FIRST THREE
BATTERIES WHICH I KNEW HE VITALLY INTERESTED IN
RECEIVING ON SCHEDULE. ALSO THE US ARMY HAD COME A
LONG WAY IN TAKING THIS EQUIPMENT FROM ITS OWN FORCES
TO ACCELERATE THE DELIVERY SCHEDULE AND WOULD HAVE TO
HAVE THE FUNDS IN HAND BEFORE ANY MORE WORK COULD BE
DONE. HE INDICATED HE WOULD TAKE THIS UP AND SEE WHAT
HE COULD DO WITH THE SAUDIS TOMORROW.
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